

BARAD-DUR 30

BARAD-DUR, a biweekly magazine of postal DIPLOMACY, issue #30, edited & published by Jack L. Chalker, 5111 Liberty Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, 21207, USA. Available in trade or at 10/31.00. XF maps: 10 for 25¢. No new games currently forming. Affiliated with the Games Bureau of the National Fantasy Fan Federation.

September 23, 1966

THE GILLILAND QUESTION

A number of responses (although, curiously, nothing from Alexis himself) to the editorial discussion last time. Von Metzke says "I have two reactions: (1) You're Wrong; (2) You're right." Reinsel states that the problem has caused him sleepless nights without a real decision. Richard Shagrin argues, along with Don Miller, that the English F Denmark was destroyed but neither side moved in. I can't find ANY grounds for that. With Von Metzke's or my own viewpoint, we are interpreting the rules as we see them -- sort of reasoning between the lines and applying logic to what we see. However, the argument that the thing is destroyed (and one player suggested that the center then becomes a neutral again) is in the nature of a now rule, not an interpretation, and I can't accept it. Valid points can be made both for my ruling (which I see as the most logical -- naturally) and those on Gilliland's side (which I see as illogical but legal). So Conrad's correct -- I'm wrong and I'm right -- but, in a sense, he's incorrect. Like the proverbial baseball umpire, the Gamesmaster may make errors in judgment but he's always right.

One person did complain that I should have made it clear which way I would rule before the game began. This is patently ridiculous -- I could not be expected to foresee it, although now that it's come up I think you all know my ruling.

Another nice little problem comes up which has at its heart the same interpretational problems but in reverse:

ITALY: F TYRRHENIAN, F W. MED. TURKEY: F E. MED.

F TYRRHENIAN TO IONIAN F E. MED TO IONIAN

F W. MED (S) TURK. F E. MED TO IONIAN

Italy obviously made an error, but what happens. Does the Italian support for the Turkish move mean Turkey gets into the Ionian? Or Is the Italian support an invalid order, cancelling out the move, and thus making it a 1-1 standoff? In real life the Turkish unit would make it, and there have been cases where, through mixups, such things have happened in warfare. But who wins? Does the rule stating that no unit may dislodge its own unit apply? I would have to rule that it does, that it's a standoff, since the Italian player is offering a support against the moves of another of his own units. I think they cancel themselves out. What do you think?

By the way -- on the Gilliland question many people asked what about if that were a 3rd power's unit in Denmark. It wasn't, so the analogy doesn't apply. But I'll discuss that point next time.

Jerry Jacks has moved again. Temporarily he's picking up his mail at the home of the present head of the Elves, Gnomes, & Little Men's Science Fiction Marching & Chowder Society: JERALD JACKS, % Felice Rolfe, 1360 Emerson, Palo Alto, California, 94301. See you next time.

GS-1965-B
FALL, 1910 MOVES

B

UPPER CASE MOVES SUCCEED
lower case moves do not

TURKO-ITALIAN BALANCE OF POWER SHIFTS TO THE SULTAN!

GERMANY (Reinsel).....f holland to north sea

ENGLAND (Bounds).....f denmark (s) G f holland-north sea

TURKEY (Miller).....F CONSTANTINOPLE TO SMYRNA

A SMYRNA TO ARMENIA

f aegean (s) AH f greece to the ionian
Turkey gained London
and Liverpool, and did
not lose any centers
herself. BUILD TWO.

F NORWEGIAN SEA (c) A CLYDE TO NORWAY

a sweden to denmark

A YORKSHIRE TO LONDON

A LIVERPOOL STANDS

A CLYDE TO NORWAY

A MOSCOW TO ST. PETERSBURG

A SEVASTOPOL (s) A SMYRNA TO ARMENIA

ITALY (Mebane).....a belgium to the rhur

A BURGUNDY (s) belgium to rhur

a picardy to belgium

FLEET LONDON TO THE NORTH SEA

F ENGLISH CHANNEL (s) F LONDON-NORTH SEA

f north atlantic to norwegian sea

A VENICE STANDS

A PIEMONT (s) A VENICE

f ionian to the adriatic

F TYRRHENIAN SEA TO NAPLES

f eastern mediterranean to the aegaeon

army syria to armenia

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Clark) ..A KIEL (s) munich to rhur'

army munich to the rhur

A BOHEMIA (s) A TYROLIA

A TYROLIA (s) BUDAPEST TO TRIESTE

ARMY BUDAPEST TO TRIESTE

f trieste to the adriatic

ARMY ALBANIA STANDS

fleet greece to the ionian sea

ARMY RUMANIA STANDS

ARMY WARSAW STANDS

Austria-Hungary
neither gained nor
lost anything; it
remains constant at
10 units.

Build directions above are obvious. Little happened except for the Turko-Austrian exchange program, and this remains the slowest of the BARAD-DUR games. Interestingly enough, Germany and England, both of whom have been surviving with 1 unit for a long while, still remain, while the principal players keep swapping centers. DEADLINE FOR THE WINTER BUILDS AND REMOVALS IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1966, AT 9 PM EDT. I am normally home after 4:30 EDT on Fridays. When calling, if you ask for "Mr. Chalker," ask for "JACK Chalker" or you may get the wrong person. PROPAGANDA:

Boot the Italians off the Boot!

Roma: Austria atque Turkeia delondae aunt, -- sed quis rem facere potest? (Rome: Austria & Turkey must be destroyed -- but who can do it?)

GU-1965-C
FALL, 2909 MOVES

UPPER CASE MOVES SUCCEED
lower case moves fail

FRANCE (collapsed)...F PORTUGAL STANDS

RUSSIA (Brooks).....F DEN. RETREATS TO SIDERIA (OFF THE BOARD)

F NORWAY TO THE NORTH SEA

F SKAG (S) SWEDEN TO DENMARK

F BALTIC (S) ARMY KIEL

A SWEDEN TO DENMARK

Russia managed to A ST. PETERSBURG TO FINLAND

pick up Kiel and a kiel (s) SWEDEN TO DENMARK

recapture Dcn- A BERLIN (S) A KIEL

mark before the *a silesia (s) f clyde to liverpool

fall, and so fleet/clyde to liverpool

BUILDS TWO. A BOHEMIA (S) CHALKER'S DECISIONS (MOSTLY)

A MUNICH (S) A KIEL

FLEET VENICE TO THE ADRIATIC

TURKEY (Mebanc).....A SPAIN TO GASCONY

A MARSEILLES (S) SPAIN TO GASCONY

A PIEDMONT STANDS

F WESTERN MED TO SPAIN (SC)

Turkey picked F GULF OF LYON (S) W.MED TO SPAIN (SC)

up Spain from F TYRRHENIAN TO THE WESTERN MED.

defunct France,

and BUILDS ONE.

A TUNIS TO NORTH AFRICA

F IONIAN SEA TO TUNIS

A GREECE TO ALBANIA

A SMYRNA TO GREECE

F AEGEAN SEA (C) A SMYRNA TO GREECE

ENGLAND (Owings)....f edinburgh to liverpool

f north soa to edinburgh

English F Den- F MID-ATLANTIC TO NORTH ATLANTIC

mark is dislodged, F HOLLAND (S) a rhur to kiel

as usual, and F HELGOLAND BIGHT (S) a rhur to kiel

eliminated as army rhur to kiel

usual, so Eng- f denmark to sweden

land loses 1 & A GASCONY TO BURGUNDY

needs no winter

orders.

The Gamosmaster sees mate in 4 moves if it's played correctly.
DEADLINE FOR WINTER BUILDS IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1966, AT 9 PM EDT.

PROPAGANDA

Moscow (Tass): Four shaggy beings believed to be spies of the northern pretender, Marc D'Owings, have been captured in the ruins of Liverpool. The Supreme Soviet again stressed their support of their beloved ally, the rightful government of England, now in exile in the Sqviet protectorate of Norway.

England to Gamesmaster: WHAT alliances?

Gamesmaster to England: The Anglo-French, of course.

8-1966-E:
FALL, 1906 MOVES

UPPER CASE MOVES SUCCEED
lower case moves do not

Last time Turkey's A URK-GAL failed & was eliminated.

RUSSIA....a warsaw stands
(Dygert)

TURKEY....A SEVAST TO UKRAINA
(Von Metzke) A RUM (S) SEV-UKR.

F BLACK (S) ROMANIA
A SERBIA TO TRIESTE
F ALBANIA (S) SER-TRIES.
A OULGARIA TO SERBIA
F TUNIS (S) ION-TYRR.
F IONIAN TO TYRRHENIAN
f tuscany to rome
A ANKARA TO CONSTANT.

ENGLAND...A LIVONIA TO WARSAW
(Huff) A MOSCOW (S) LIV-WARS
F KIEL TO BERLIN
F HOLLAND TO NORTH SEA
A BELGIUM STANDS
F ENG.CHAN. TO OREST
F WALES TO ENG.CHAN.
F NORATL TO MID-ATL
F IRISH (S) NATL-MATL

AUSTRIA...A PIED. (S) E LYON-TUSC.
(Miller) a venice to rome

FRANCE...F GULF OF LYON TO TUSC.
(Owings) A MARSEILLES TO SPAIN
F SPAIN TO GULF OF LYON
f gasc. to mid-atl
A BURGUNDY TO MARSEILLES
A RHUR TO BURGUNDY

a silesia to warsaw
A GALICIA TO BUDAPEST
A VIENNA (S) GAL-BUD.
a ukraine to sevast.
f w. res to tyrrhenian

Austrian A. Ukraine is dislodged and must retreat A UKRAINA TO GALICIA. Turkish F Tuscany is dislodged. Rome is closed to it because Rome was contested in the fall, and all other areas are occupied. F TUSCANY IS ELIMINATED, although Rome remains Turkish.

BUILDS: RUSSIA was finally dislodged, no centers, RUSSIA IS OFF THE BOARD. Bye, Jim.

FRANCE loses Brest, gains nothing, REMOVE ONE.

TURKEY gains Trieste, loses a unit to elimination but no center losses, and so BUILDS TWO.

AUSTRIA Loses Trieste, Warsaw, and Berlin, and has no gains to show for it. REMOVE THREE.

ENGLAND gains Warsaw, Berlin, and Brest, and shows no losses, so it BUILDS THREE. In fact, England also gained Moscow, but it can not build 4, and we play this next year with 33 units.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1906 BUILDS AND REMOVALS IS FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 7, 1966, AT 9 PM EDT.

PROPAGANDA:

Vienna. Savor it while you can, Turkey -- the supply center you pick up this fall will be your last! As for the "fun" you said you were going to have getting your head bashed in by England, France, and Austria -- all we can say is that some folks have a weird way of having fun. What are you -- a masochist?

Constantinople: The small Black Sea garbage scow "Jascha Heifetz" today putted down the Bosphorus bearing survivors of the massacred 6th Army in Kiev. The army still remains on some maps in the Ministry of Military Fuddy-Duddiness, but its destruction is now definitely confirmed. Relatives of the slain have all received friendly, cheerful condolence cards signed "Uncle Sultan."

"Existentialism has one message for us! That it is not necessary to possess any understanding of life to live." -- from the Compressed Wisdom of Nug-Soth.

PROPAGANDA CONTINUED ON PAGE 6.

GB-1966-XF
SUMMER & FALL, 1902

X F MOVES IN UPPER CASE O.K.
moves in lower case aren't

FRENCH F MID-ATL TO PORTUGAL
RUSSIAN ARMY RUMANIA TO SEVASTOPOL

GERMANY... (Schultz)	A munich to silesia A BERLIN TO KIEL A RHUR (S) BERL-KIEL F BELGIUM STANDS	BARBARY... (Reinsel)	f tripoli to ionian A SARDINIA TO CORSICA F MID-ATL TO BREST f w.med to spain (sc)
RUSSIA.... (Brooks)	A SEVAST TO RUMANIA A WARSAW TO UKRAINA a siles (s) PRÖSS-BERLIN A PRUSSIA TO BERLIN a galicia to budapest F RIGA TO PRUSSIA	ITALY.... (Gemignani)	F TYRRHENIAN STANDS F NAPLES STANDS A APULIA STANDS A PIEDMONT STANDS
ENGLAND... (Mebane)	F NORTH SEA TO ENG.CHAN F IRISH TO MID-ATLANTIC F NORATL (S) IR-MID-ATL A YORKS TO EDINBURGH	TURKEY.... (Huff)	A SALKONIA TO SERBIA F AEGEAN TO GREECE f crete to ionian A CONSTANT TO SALKONIA A BULG. (S) R SEV-RUM. A SYRIA TO EGYPT
SCANDINAVIA: (Levinson)	A STOCK TO MALMO F BALTIc STANDS F FINLAND TO TRONDHEIM F NORWEGIAN TO OSLO	AUSTRIA... (Thomson)	A VIENNA TO BOHEMIA a budapest (s) Rumania a rumania (s) budapest F ADRIATIC STANDS F MONTENEGRO STANDS
FRANCE.... (Jacks)	F spain (s) F PORTUGAL F PORTUGAL (S) F SPAIN A burgundy to munich A MARS (S) F SPAIN	=====	=GERMANY lost Berlin, no gain - RE- MOVE ONE. RUSSIA gained Berlin, BUILD ONE. England had no gains or losses, CONSTANT. SCANDINAVIA got Malmo, BUILD ONE. FRANCE lost Brest, picked up Portugal, CONSTANT. Barbary Coast gained Orest, Corsica, BUILD TWO. Italy lost Corsica, no gains, REMOVE ONE. TURKEY gained Greece & Serbia, no losses, BUILD TWO. Austria A Rumania can not retreat and is ELIMINATED, So this equilizes his losses and he stays at 4 units. No removal necessary.

DEADLINE FOR WINTER, 1902 BUILDS AND REMOVALS IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1966, AT 9 PM EDT. Please -- if you call ask for "Jack Chalker," not "Mr. Chalker." There is more than one Mr. Chalker at this address.

PROPAGANDA

NOTE COA FOR JACKS (FRANCE) ON PAGE ONE, THIS ISSUE.

London: The Prime Minister announced that England would not tolerate the presence of Barbary pirates in the Atlantic. He also stated that Scandinavian fishing vessels had been granted the right to fish within British territorial waters.

Frederikstad, Danskvestindien, Nov. 1 (KA): The King, in ceremonies commemorating the creation of the province of Vestindien, co-equal with the other eight provinces of Kalmar, took a salute from a squadron of Einhammer-Coanda Model 4 Aircraft of the Kalmar Aerial Corps. Certain powers have been granted manufacturing rights to the earlier models 3A and 3B which are still available. A model 5 air liner will be available shortly.

Ankara, Sept. 12, 1902: The Sultan Hufasha Allan Alhazred stated that Russia was cursed by Allah ((MORE HUFF PROPAGANDA NEXT PAGE))

STILL MORE PROPAGANDA (CONTINUED)

and therefore had to be eliminated from the face of the Earth. Austria, however, received Allah's blessings and may live in peace for eternity as long as they don't rile Allah's ghost by abducting adulterous from Seralgios, but of course anyone doing that would be cursed. Not by Allah, by the odalisque; these broads cost more to support pound for pound than steak.

END XF PROPAGANDA

XX

E GAME PROPAGANDA, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3:

E London, October 3, 1906: Sir Alfred Huffley, from a secret army base near Hangnail-on-the-Pinky, announced today that war with France was a necessity to English existence. With the fall of Belgium and the capture of Brest imminent the English would, to quote Sir Alfred, "have those fxxxxxx frogs in Paris hanging by the legs, necks, thumbs, and various portions genitalia by next Fall." When asked if England would ally with Turkey, Huffley answered, "not until they lift the Suez blockade."

END E GAME PROPAGANDA

DEADLINES:

WINTER: OCTOBER 7, 1966 (FRIDAY)

SPRING: OCTOBER 21, 1966 (FRIDAY).

and

NOVEMBER 11, 1966

NOVEMBER 25, 1966

DECEMBER 9, 1966

DECEMBER 23, 1966

JANUARY 6, 1967

JANUARY 20, 1967

FEBRUARY 3, 1967

FEBRUARY 17, 1967.